

Serial No. 10/714,826

**REMARKS****Restriction Requirement**

Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 25 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1-20, drawn to a lift gate, classified in class 414, subclass 557; and

Group II – claims 21-25, drawn to a method, classified in class 414, subclass 800.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-20, without traverse.

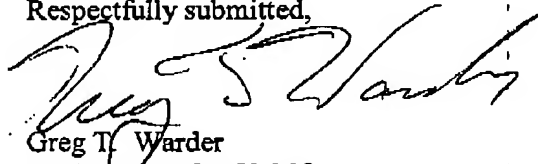
**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on November 14, 2003 and note that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

**CONCLUSION**

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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